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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
          Hearings on Intelligence Community Automatic Data
          Processing - 8 May 1978 - Community Overview,
          CIA, NSA (U)

        1. (U) On 8 May 1978, the Subcommittee on Evaluation of the
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence met in executive session
to hear Intelligence Community witnesses on the organization and management
of Community automatic data processing (ADP) activities. The hearing was
at the codeword security level. Security arrangements were provided by the
Committee. Witnesses were not sworn, but a transcript was taken. The
hearing started at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 11:50 a.m.

        2. (U) Committee members present through all or part of the
hearing included:

            Edward P. Boland (D., Mass.), Chairman of the full Committee
            Charles Rose (D., N. Car.), Chairman of the Subcommittee
            Wyche Fowler (D., Georgia), Subcommittee member
            Robert McClory (R., Ill.), Subcommittee member

        3. (U) Staff members present through all or part of the hearing
included: Richard Giza, James Bush, Annette Smiley, Michael O'Neil,
Patrick Long, and Martin Faga.

        4. (U) Witnesses and supporting attendees were as indicated on the
attached witness list.

        5. (S) The following items of interest arose during the hearing:

            a. Chairman Rose indicated that the Subcommittee's main interest
was in the coordination of management and planning of Intelligence Community
ADP resources and he asked all witnesses appearing to address that subject.
He characerized the problem as one of finding whether there was anyone in
charge of such coordination. He indicated that unless Congress was satisfied
that there was adequate coordination, it would continue to apply arbitrary
spending limits to data processing resources.

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b. Chairman Rose asked about how the DCI views managing these resources, and [   ] replied that the DCI sees a need for such management but the problem is finding the correct balance between what can be done centrally and what needs to be made decentralized to the individual agencies. The Chairman asked if the DCI had adequate power in this area, and [   ] said he thought so but was not absolutely sure.

c. Chairman Rose asked Mr. Rogers if he thought he had adequate authority to determine in what direction planning would go. Mr. Rogers said that, while everything is not yet entirely clear, he believed that use of the budget authority given to the DCI, plus the cooperation of Community members, would provide adequate authority.

d. Chairman Boland asked why the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense could not seem to get a handle on ADP activities. [   ] replied that the decentralized character of ADP activities at that time did not permit it and that the ADP inventory was first put together through the efforts of the Intelligence Community Staff.

e. Chairman Boland asked a series of questions about the staffing of the Office of Community Information Systems and seemed slightly surprised at the small number of personnel involved.

f. Chairman Rose submitted a number of questions for the record to be answered by [   ] Mr. Rogers and indicated that, as time goes on, the Subcommittee would want as much detail as possible on each of the Community systems, including some indication of how these systems were being evaluated.

g. Chairman Rose asked the principal CIA witness, Clifford D. May, a number of questions regarding his role as head of the Office of Data Processing. Mr. May explained in detail his function and provided a briefing concerning all of the ADP systems in the Central Intelligence Agency. At one point, in describing weapons systems analysis, the Chairman asked who was it that decided that CIA would be in the weapons analysis business. Mr. May responded that this was not within his area of responsibility and generally attributed these kinds of decisions to the DCI.

h. Chairman Rose asked Mr. May to provide data concerning utilization of CIA systems.

i. Chairman Rose also asked about the number of people who have access to the DDO compuuter systems, and Mr. May indicated he would provide that for the record.

j. Chairman Rose asked whether it was ever considered to charge users for NPIC or CAMS systems use. Mr. May and [   ] both said no.

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           k. [   ] of NSA, provided a briefing on the various NSA computer systems.

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           l. Chairman Rose asked whether NSA was in charge of COINS, and [   ] replied that he thought the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence was.

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           m. Chairman Rose asked how NSA made trade-offs between timeliness and cost, and [   ] replied that they were not made by NSA, that when requirements are levied upon NSA, they usually already have a time constraint built into them.

           n. Chairman Rose ended the session by making some very compli- 25X1 mentary remarks about the operation of NSA. He then urged [   ] to cooperate with George Rogers and the Office of Community Information Systems. Chairman Boland echoed Chairman Rose's comments.

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